

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

Replace the Abstract with:

~~A wavelength converting method and device, and a laser machining device using the method and the device which realize generating a light that has been wavelength converted by a non-linear optical crystal stably for a long period of time. In the a wavelength converting method, an-atmosphere ambient that is in contact with a surface of-the a non-linear optical crystal from which-the wavelength-converted light is outputted is a gas that is-smaller lower in-the content of nitrogen-elements than air, and-the wavelength conversion-is conducted in-the atmosphere. Also, the A wavelength converting device-is provided with includes a device for-setting-an-atmosphere-that-is controlling the ambient in contact with a surface of the non-linear optical crystal from which the wavelength-converted light is outputted to-a gas-that-is-smaller so the ambient is lower in-the content of nitrogen elements than air. The A laser machining device includes the-above wavelength converting device.~~